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With beef at 3 cents a pound the cattle men of Cechise county have little to com-

D. R. Locke, author of the Nasby let ters, died of consumption at Toledo, O. on the 15th inst., aged 55 years.

The fighting men must improve their marksmanship or be relegated to a battleground outside the city limits. Some bystander is liable to get hurt one of these days with such wild shooting.

James G. Blaine has written a letter to Chairman Jones, of the National Republican Executive committee, withdrawing his name, "for personal reasons," as a candidate for the nomination for Presi-Farmer is authority for

statement that "a six months old calf

Montezuma died suddenly, and when they went to skin it they found no skin to emove, the hairs growing right out of the Our grand stretches of grazing lands, our rich agricultural valley lands, our mountains filled with precious metals, only await the magic wand of printers'

ink and capital to make Cochise the brightest gem in the diadem of Arizona. The Waxahachie (Texas) Mirror has this: "A man left Waxahachie last Saturday driving a yoke of oxen; one of them on the trip died of overheat, and while he tarried by the wayside skinning him, the blizzard came and froze the other to

The Phenix Gazette has received a communication from a merchant of that city compraining of people who send to California and the East for goods. The letter was written on paper with a headng printed in San Francisco. Consispcy ! thou art a jewel.

It is a hard matter to raise the wind on diet of wind. This has been the diffity which has stood in the way of Arinewspapers in their earnest efforts ttract immigration and capital to the agnificent resources of our Territory. Arizona newspapers as a rule are better than they can afford to be.

There are three principal causes for the business depression in Tombstone. First, the lack of public spirit and local pride on the part of those most interested; second, the lies written and printed about our city, and third, the permicious custom of many in spending their money abroad when they could do equally as well at home.

The Mesilla valley people are preparing to have a cana! made to corral the water of the Rio Grande in reservoirs above the Jornado del Muerto, irrigate that territory, and then carry the waters to Las Cruces and El Paso. A com pany has been organized, surveyors employed, and a delegate sent to Washington to ask Congress to appropriate money

The Board of Supervisors of Graham pamphlet to be entitled "The Resources of Graham County." The people of Graham county are to be congratulated for having an energetic board, who are laboring earnestly for the best interests of the county. Such a work as is proposed will return a hundredfold the amount invested. In no single point is Graham superior of Cochise, and if proper efforts were made our county would soon feel the effects of the wise

"Come west, young man, come west, Where blizsards are unknown And the weary are at r-st."

The EPITAPH must take issue with its esteemed daily contemporary with regard to the statement that Judge Barnes intimated, in rendering his decision in Kitter case, that Mr. Ritter was entitled to the money. The Judge gave no such intimation; he distinctly stated that he was not called upon to decide that natter. The question came up simply on the right of an officer to withhold in 1887 fees which he claimed to be due him in 1885 6. Judge Barnes decided emphatically that an officer had no such right. On this decision an appeal has been taken to the Supreme Court. It, as the Prospector says, the Judge concedes the tax collector's right to the fees, why does not Mr. Ritter pay the \$6845.19 into the county treasury, present his bill for the same, and if the supervisors refuse to allow the claim, commence suit, instead of carrying the case to the Supreme Court on a side issue. The fact is, the Judge gave no such inti-

The largest sale of beef steers ever tween L. X. Lang, of Los Angeles, and Pacific railroad. The contract calls for all of the beel now on the company's range, estimated at from 1200 to 1500 head. The same brand of cattle last year averaged something over 1100 saloon-keeping. ands, and if the average is even less than that this year the company will ards of \$40,000 for their beef. day for Chicago, on mining matters.

This is the highest price that has been paid for a large bunch of beeves in this market for several years. It proves that the cattle business is again reaching a substantial basis, and that Grant county is better situated for good prices then any other section of New Mexico. The stockmen of this section from now on have a choice of either the eastern or western markets, but for this season the beef will go west. California, owing to the rapid advance of land there, is practically out of the beef growing business, and both Arizona and Nevada are pretty well drained of beef; consequently an advance, even above 3 cents for choice fat beeves in this section, is among the probabilities for the next sixty days.—Silver City Enterprise.

The Southern California market has proven a god-send to our cattlemen, who nowever have made the mistake of disposing of their surplus beef at much less han above named prices. Those who have beef left should not think of selling for less than 3 cents, which is a fair living

AN ANECDOTE ABOUT COL. ARKINS. When Jack Arkins threw up his "cases" on the Globe-Democrat to go to Texas to take the foremanship of the Dallas Times his old friends, including the present editor of the EPITAPH, gave him a good future proprietor of the Denver News and one of the wealthiest newspaper men in the West was made of such stern stuff as was afterwards proven. One Sunday evening while in Dallas a foraging expedition was organized under the leadership of Jack on a neighboring watermelon patch. It was a beautiful coalblack night, but the Granger who owned the watermelons was "on," As the boys were skirmishing around the patch the Granger turned loose his old shotgun, oaded with small gravel stones, and Jack caught a portion of the load in his poserior anatomy. The only result was to accelerate the speed of the raiders as hey raced for town. A doctor was called in, and after he had cut out one of the missiles, Jack feebly asked, "Why was that stone like the capital of a neighboring State?" The doctor, intent upon his duty, of course gave it up, and asked why. "Because it was a Little Rock in Arkansaw." The doctor never recovered. but Jack lived to become known to fame as Col. John Arkins, the poet and humorist of the Rocky Mountains.

SHERIDAN FOR PRESIDENT. The New York Herald, while strongly

dvocating the re-election of Cleveland, as this to say about General Sheridan: "With Sheridan in the canvass, this is to be considered: One of the first soldiers of this or any age, ranked by Grant as in achievements of the war; the son of a called the mayor of Tombstone out of dience for the strention and hoping that poor Irish peasant, who had risen by his bed at the ungodly hour of 8 in the morn- the circus wo have the pleasure of enmerit before he was thirty-three to the

ous career the white plume of a stainless noting the big preparations for the circus canvass. and honored name; chivalrous, adored, concluded that there was money in it, who tried sell reserved seats and illustrious, in the prime of life even yet a and that a stiff license fee should be special ticket or the side show on the young man, never swayed by political charged. Everybody and his wife and outside, and why were promptly shot to temptations, to-day in the brilliancy and immortality of his fame the foremost public man in the Union-this is Sheridan! With such a candidate, whether he run as a republican or democrat, the result might well be in doubt. "It would be no less in question even

with Cleveland as a candidate and the united democracy behind him. Cleveand is a great civil magistrate, but he is no greater than John Quincy Adams. And Jackson, who defeated Adams after county have contracted with the Clifton four years of a matchless administration, Clarion to print 5000 copies for \$500 of a, had no stronger hold on the people than Sheridan. "While so many hopes justly centre in

the success of Cleveland, it is a mistake, we repeat, to look at things as we would like to have them and not as they are. And in this view the Sheridan boom will bear careful scrutiny from Brother Cleveland and Brother Blaine."

KEEP YOUR MONEY AT HOME.

The practice that some people in small towns have of ordering goods from traveling drummers, instead of spending their money in the community where they earn it, is entirely wrong. Those who resort to such a practice do so simply to save a paltry sum of money, and such a course s the very acme of stingmess.

Small towns are built up by the public spirit of the citizens, and the men who earn money and spend it elsewhere neutralize the efforts of progression and en-

Such men should be spotted and reated like drones in the hive. Some excuse themselves on the ground of bard imes, not realizing how much they are contributing to this same stagnation. It is uphill work for a small town to make any progress against such adverse influence. They embrace all classes, from the citizen who buys his groceries by the wholesale in San Francisco, to the women who think they must send elsewhere for their little articles of finery.

When a tradesman is endeavoring to ake simply a fair profit, he has a right to expect the patronage of the town he lives in, and deserves it .- Nevada (Cal.) Transcript.

The Territorial Superintendent of Pubmade at one time in this section was lic Schools has offered prizes for the best consummated in this city Tuesday becompositions written by school children A. E. Head, of the Haggin, Head & of the Territory, the subject to be the Hearst cattle company. The price paid was 3 cents, delivered on the Scuthern live. One little miss in the First Ward is so exact that she deserves the first prize." She puts down the principal industries of Tombstone as mining and

Judge W. B. Benson departed Tues-

CIRCUS AT TOMBSTONE

A SAMPLE EFETE EASTERN LIE.

A Story That Sounds Like the Work of

[From the Missouri Republican.] It was in 1879 that Stoddard's Circus

and Great Zoological Exposition visited

Tombstone. It was heralded by glaring pictures on the bill-boards, dead walls and local papers for more than a month in advance. There were pictures of a woman defeating a tiger in single combat, of a bood-thirsty contest between a hyena and a boa constrictor and of a woman riding seven horses pell-mell at the circus of once. The advent of the show was awaited with interest and a good deal of impatience. It was evident to the natives that the circus was to bean event in the annals of the town. A circus was a rare event in those parts. The railroad was eight miles from Tombstons and the towns numbered in that region were send-off. Little did they dream that the so far apart that it would not pay a judicious manager to take a caravansary across the country. The cowboys, the stage robbers, the miners, the proprietors, the gamblers, the bull-whackers, the merchants, the clerks, the loafers, the ladies of leisure and the gentlemen whose avocations were not described in the directory, were on the alert for the great event. The show was advertised to appear on the 4th of July, and among the innumerable attractions pictured on the bill-boards was that of a balloon ascention. As early as the last days of May, when cowboys and stage robbers parted on the streets, they alleged in the parting adieu that they would meet at the circus. The local papers were filled with the great event for weeks, and all events were dated before or after the

peared in town unheraled about six o'clock on the morning of the 4th of July, 1879. Tombstone sat up late and seldom arose before 8 or 9 o'clock in the forenoon. But when Tombstone was awake there was always a bustle. About 10 the town was ready for the circus, and so were Charleston, Dos Pesos, Contention, Silver Gulch, Cochise, Poor Lo, Tough Nut, Paradise Lost, Black-and-Tan, Murphyville and several other towns in the neighborhood that had come military genius equal to the Great Napo- to the metropolis of the mining district eon; the embodiment of the proudest in force. The manager of the circus and made a peech, thanking the au-

ing to get a license to exhibit. The tertaining the nighest military command; ripe in civil mayor and the aldermen had been in ex- around. No experience; bearing throughout his glor- ecutive session the day before, and not been a man killed baide the lous career the white plume of a stainless | noting the big preparations for the circus. children or his best girl was ready to attend and plank down coin of the realm to the extent of a dollar a head. So the wise city fathers concluded that they would rake some the tin into the city treasury. It was voted unanimously that the circus people be charged \$250 for the privelege of entertaining the people of Tombstone and vicinity within the city limits. So when the manager of the circus interviewed the mayor at the ungodly hour of 8 a. m., the public functionary was ready to give his ultimatum. The circus man, who was a sort of a buccaneer himself, was extremely wroth. He had made the campaign in California and Oregon, in Colorado and New Mexico. and had browbeat and bilked the people all the counties of Arizona between Tombstone and the California line. But the mayor of Toinbstone was a man of parts and backbone. He was the most talented and successful stage roba blacksmith and his name was Carr. He told the circus man that \$250 had to be paid down or the show could not keep its engagement in Tombstone. It was 9:30 before the interview between the circus man and the mayor of Tombstone came to an end. In the meantime the divided betwee streets of the town were thronged. Tomb- loss for words stone and its neighboring towns were out | did not spea in force in Sunday go-to-meetin' clothes. | Contention to The boss of the circus, with stride tragedical, brows lowering, worked his through the centre of the crowd untireached the heert of the town, the Orial- in the swe tal saloon, kept by M. E. Joyce. Mr. from foot Joyce was an influential citizen. He owned a saloon, a gambling-house, a then Jack horse, a buggy, an interest in several said mines and in a newspaper, and he always carried the star at the Bird Cage acing theatre to supper after the performance. The circus boss unrolled his grieviences before Mr. Joyce and Mr. Joyce was indignant. Mr. Joyce was a candidate for mayor, and he mounted a wagon in front of his saloon and denounced the extravagence, extortion and lack of public spirit of the existing city administration.

The circus boss followed him. He

denounced the mayor, and said his con

duct was a deliberate attempt to cheat

the people of the town out of well deserv-

ed amusement. He extolled Joyce, and

hoped that when next he visited Tomb-

stone some man with the intelligence,

public spirit and enterprise of Joyce

would preside over the municipal govern-

ment of the town. He wound up by

saying he could not afford to pay the

license fee, and asked the people what

they were going to do about it. There

across the street said the fee charged by

were several answers from the crowd.

who were Joyce's pla Joyce's wh 'e of Joyce's premises, were vor of taking the mayor out and hanging him for a usurpation of The gamblers who stood of Joyce's house said the people of Tombstone could not expect anything better, while a man like Carr. who was elected by men who actually man escaping from the jaws of a lien, of dust, did not are for reasons or causes, but were bound to see the show. At last er suggested that the city limits only go without the city and it pleased in Cochise show as los olution of the difficulty county. nd the circus marched fer was accep ed by about 6,00°, peowomen and phildren. ple, includ before the circus tents It was hi

of eyes blicking at the performance. The truth is the circus was a fake. There was nothing to at. It advertised glowcircuses in nore enlightened communities, with ne'er a thought for the perforthere was no a solitary old joke missing. The menagerie, which was advertised so extenively, consisted of two Mexone of them vs killed or wounded. In July 1879, and those have been particufact, everythis went on smoothly until a lar to live up to their advertisements. gentleman with a swallow-tail coat and his hair partelin the middle, came out

p to that time there had death, don't qo When the getleman in swallow-tail

coat announce adbat the performance was over, there we returnurs heard all over the amphabote. Growling was the order of the day at first. Neighbors communed with eich other and said they were victimizes, that they were bilked, that the confidence game was played on them. Then jack Ringo, boss of all the cowboys and restlers in the region, arese, with his yellow hair in picturesque ringlets streaming over his shoulders, and asked the gentleman in swallow-tail: "What's de marter wid de man dat was

to be chaved by The lion?" It was painfully evident that the gentleman in swallow-tail was embarrassed. His supply of words had run short and he could not make an answer. Then ber in all Arizona, arose and in tones as gentle as the murrants of the neighboring Santa Cruz, inquired: "When is that gal in knee broches and bare arms goin' to have de se to wid de tiger?" The party in the sw allow-tail, with hair evenly en the eyes, was still at a He grinned gently but Then a woman from ok a hand in the proceed-; "When is the hiennar

ings and aske

tructor goin' to have de'r ow-tail, who balanced himself foot in the middle of the ring, ilence for one whole minute; There wa ingo who was still on his feet, ter if you don't trot out dat boot!" This was menoss of the circus was still not smilelong. Jack Rinsmiling. Hei en nervously fingering his go, who had nile, finally pulled, and the pistol for a full dress fell to rise no there was a general fusilade. stage robbers, prespectors, blers and more people took soon there was nothing but Coroner Pat Holland smoke visie st man in Tombstone.

is simple. The circus men The seg within range of the bullets who came killed or disabled. The rest were eithe prairie, and when the smoke took to th the circus was in the hands etrons. Then the show of the dend earnest. There were two caged up, and the cow-Mexican li ced that it was the proper boys anne ase them and let the people caper to ile Then the noncombatants see them tate the sand in the direction began to a ne. You bet the women and The people who were in the rival saloon of Tombsto d husbands and fathers he way they cut to Tombthe mayor was moderate. The cowboys traveled.

n the Allen street side of stone was something of a show itself. and well warmed with But they did not get out of the way any ey, said the circus should too soon. The Mexican lions and a , whether the mayor liked it tiger, two bears and a couple of animals tage robbers, who held the of lesser depredations were turned loose, and the cowboys and stage robbers, and simple honest men who had no characteristic occupation were soon enjoying a royal hunt on the prairie. And such a hunt. The lions ran and the tigers fought. The lions were wise, for the tiger would soon be a thing of beauty without life, while lions had a good start for the worked every day for their living, held the reins of go, ernment, and the people excellent prospects of outrunning those from the country, who walked and drove several miles through a killing alkali race and struck the mountains without being downed. For months afterwards hunting parties to take in the escaped lions was the fashionable dissipation of ended two miles, and that Tombstone. The elephant had a hard time of it. He would reither fight nor run. He stood his ground and was taken to Tombstone. His entre to Tombstone in the evening was memorable. The whole town was drunk and turned out to welcome the distinguished arrival. loyce's and Mehan's saloons-beens is always at la the two rival establishments-had disadvantag at it spreads its canvas already voted that the elephant should in daylight, and at this particular time it be owned by the town in common, and had much the worst of it, with 6,000 pairs should be under the guardianship of Leslie Blackburn, the chief of the fire department. The harmony between the two chief saloons relieved the people ingly and exensively, as is the custom of from having an elephant on their hands. everybody was happy. Generally, everything that arrived in town of consequence, mance of what it promised. But of this whether a gambler, a horse, a desperado later. Wher the canvas was spread and of pronounced qualities, or a linnet for the ticket office erected, the fakir-in chief the Bird Cage opera house, had to select mounted a stand and made a speech in a headquarters between the two boss due and ancient circus form. The doors saloons, and this formality invariably were finally poned and the people went cost a couple of lives. So when the in. Fully \$6000 were paid to the circus guardianship of the elephant was arrangpeople and n' one grumbled. The show ed without bloodshed, Tombstone was commenced. The clown was there, and inclined to be both happy and dissappointed. When last heard of the lions had their hides intact, the glossy skin of the tiger was stuffed and on exhibition at the ican lions, anelephant, a tiger, a rhinoc- Central Hotel. The elephant was com-At last the circus came. Four wagons painted in gaudy yellow, preceded by four and followed by two horsemen, appool of stinking water. The show went on decorously enough for a couple of out on Allen and Fremont streets, man hours. The udience laughed at the him seven or eight strong, and as he clown's chestats with all the forms of marched along solemn'y and ponderousgood breeding. The elephant was walk ly, it was the proper caper to shoot out ed around the ring with the clown on lights from his back, and if an impertitoo of him, and there was not a pistol nent policeman interfered, to send him pulled. The reatest Acrobats in the from beyond the bourne from whence no World twisted hemselves up for a few traveler returns. Only two circuses minutes in valous contortions, and not have visited Tombstone since the 4th of

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Tombstone, Jan. 18, 1888.

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